

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARMODY

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to collect

3 information relative to the use by city, parish, and other local public school boards

4 of corporal punishment in public schools and to submit a written report of its

5 findings to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on

6 Education prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of

7 Louisiana.

8 WHEREAS, current state law grants local public school boards discretion in the use

9 of corporal punishment in public schools; and

10 WHEREAS, it requires that if a school board decides to authorize corporal

11 punishment, it shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and control its use;

12 and

13 WHEREAS, state law does not require that school boards report any information

14 relative to the use of corporal punishment in schools nor that the State Board of Elementary

15 and Secondary Education or the state Department of Education collect any information on

16 or monitor the use of corporal punishment; and

17 WHEREAS, in order to ensure that students are protected from inadvertent injury

18 and to assist in protecting school boards and school personnel from lawsuits, it is imperative

19 that information regarding the use of corporal punishment be collected.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to collect
3 information relative to the use by city, parish, and other local public school boards of
4 corporal punishment in public schools and to submit a written report of its findings to the
5 House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education prior to the
6 convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such information shall include but not be limited
8 to the following:

9 (1) Each incident of corporal punishment as documented in writing, including the
10 name of the student; the time, date, and details of the disciplinary infraction; and the name
11 of all teachers and other school employees who witnessed the student's misbehavior.

12 (2) A description of any prior behavioral supports that were provided to the student.

13 (3) The name of the authorized individual who administered the corporal punishment
14 and the name of any witness thereto, each of whom shall sign and date the required
15 documentation.

16 (4) The findings of all investigations of employees accused of impermissible
17 corporal punishment involving students.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
20 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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Carmody

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Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to collect information relative to the use by local public school boards of corporal punishment in public schools and to report its findings to the House and Senate education committees prior to the 2011 R.S.